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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will know, we had arranged for Rackham to remain open during February half term to support critical workers with childcare. However, uptake for this provision was limited to just two families and yesterday the DfE released information stating that schools are not required to remain open during half term. These reasons combined mean that Rackham will remain closed during February half term.

In light of yesterday's announcement, parents will need to access and pay for their holiday childcare from established providers and our Local Authority are working hard to ensure there is enough provision across the County to meet this need. In order to gauge how many parents might need support for them to remain at work over the half-term break, they have produced a short Microsoft **Form** for parents who meet the Critical Worker criteria and whose children are currently attending schools and accessing on-site education to complete.

The Local Authority have also requested that we use this correspondence as an opportunity to promote the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire Family Information Services (FISs) Cambridgeshire Children and Families Information Service offers information and advice on a wide range of services and support for families. Their online information and telephone helpline provides information on subjects that family's need to help them, and includes:

- Information about support for families with a child with special educational needs or disability.
- Information on childcare, paying for childcare and help with finding a provision, including support for families with a child with special needs or disabilities.
- The Family Information Directory – containing details of local childcare provision as well as services available from the statutory and community sector.
- Details on local Children's Centres.
- School details and applying for school.

Cambridgeshire parents are advised to phone: 0345 045 1360 or to visit their [website](#) for further information.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. We are doing our best to keep our correspondence to a minimum.

Kind regards,  
Bridget Harrison